

# ENTERTAINING THOUGHTS



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## Who Exhilarates All Ladies?

Larry Graham, the man who exhilarates all the ladies through such songs as "One In A Million" and "When We Get Married" will be a guest on "Dance Fever," Friday, January 16, at 11:30 p.m. on WBTV, Channel 3.

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So you think there's nothing wrong with accepting a ride from a total stranger? Watch ABC's Friday night movie, "Diary of a Teenage Hitchhiker," January 17 and see if it doesn't change your mind!!

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As a preliminary to the "Lou Rawls Parade of Stars," a fund raising program for the United Negro College Fund, WBTV's "In Touch" will discuss the topic, "The United Negro College Fund, It Makes The Difference," Sunday, January 18, at 6:30 p.m.

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Channel 42, has a program everyone should want to watch. In honor of the late, great civil rights leader, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, the program, "A Tribute To Martin Luther King" will be aired Sunday at 7 p.m. January 18.

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Straight laced while on the job, but once they take their uniforms off, they're out for all the gusto they can grab. "The Choirboys," a movie about a gang of cops and their off-duty adventures, will air Sunday, January 18, at 9 p.m. Louis Gossett co-stars in this movie which premieres on Channel Nine.

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ABC is planning a special entertainment inauguration for the newly elected president and you are cordially invited to attend. The "All Star Inaugural Gala" will be shown Monday, January 19, from 10 p.m. to 12 p.m. Charlie Pride and Ben Vereen are among the many guests to appear on this special.

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When you think of the Commodores, immediately you think of six brilliant young men who've produced such great hits as "Brick House," "Easy," "Just To Be Close To You," "Still," "Sweet Love," and needless to say the list goes on and on and on.... Tuesday's "PM Magazine" visits with these top recording artists, January 20, at 7:30 p.m. on Channel 3. Don't miss it.

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Does the name Wendell Scott sound familiar to you? Unless you're an auto racing fan, then it probably is just another name. Wendell Scott was the first black auto racing champion and "Greased Lightening" which will be aired Wednesday, January 21, at 9 p.m. on Channel 3, is the movie that is based on his life. Richard

Pryor, Cleve Little, and Pam Grier star in this inspiring drama.

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Never forget that entertainment is as close to you as your next door neighbor and can always be found in your local community. Donald Plott, director of the Oratorio Singers of Charlotte, is looking for some good singers. Feel like you qualify? Auditions will be held Monday January 19 from 8 p.m. until 10 p.m. at the Myers Park United Methodist Church.

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"Night Watch", a suspense thriller written by Lucille Fletcher will be presented by the Little Theatre. Play dates are from Wednesday, January 29-February 15. Admission for the general public is \$5.50 and \$4. for students and senior citizens.

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## "Weekend With The Stars Telethon For Cerebral Palsy"

The third national "Weekend with the Stars Telethon for Cerebral Palsy," which successfully raised more than \$13 million last year, airs coast-to-coast the weekend of January 17-18. The exciting parade of talent features a galaxy of Hollywood stars, in 21 continuous hours of entertainment.

WSOC-TV, Channel Nine, carries the show locally beginning at 11:30 p.m. on Saturday and continuing through 7 p.m. on Sunday. Arthur Smith hosts the telethon in Charlotte. Throughout the telethon,

WSOC-TV, Channel Nine, presents local entertainment and demonstrations of local cerebral palsy services, along with segments of the network show.

National telethon hosts include John Ritter, Paul Anka, Dennis James, Henry "The Fonz" Winkler, Gavin MacLeod, Joyce DeWitt and Dick Van Patten. Nancy Ritter, Stacey Winkler, Pat Van Patten and Patti MacLeod appear with their husbands on the telethon to add a family touch to the star-studded cast.

Dean Martin appears throughout the telethon as a special guest.

As in the past, the telethon emanates from Hollywood, Las Vegas, New York and Charlotte.

Many celebrities such as those who appeared on last year's telethon are expected to lend their talent to the 21-hour extravaganza: Frank Sinatra, Bob Hope, Carol Burnett, Debbie Boone, Neil Sedaka, Donny and Marie Osmond, Vikki Carr, Sandy Duncan, Alan King, Rich Little, Ricardo Montalban, John Forsythe, along with musical groups and sports personalities.

Funds raised on the telethon go to support research and community services for cerebral palsy, the disabling condition affecting 700,000 American men, women and children and occurring in some 10,000 newborn babies annually.

The Charlotte Office of Cerebral Palsy is the local recipient of the funds raised. Seventy-five percent of the proceeds remain in the Piedmont area for support of the agency's services here, with twenty-five percent going to the national organization for research and national services.

WSOC-TV, Channel Nine is embarking on an extensive campaign designed to stimulate local interest through special events, recruitment of volunteers to work on the telethon, and publicity efforts. Volunteers should contact the Charlotte UCP office at 375-5612 or

Channel Nine.

The "Weekend with the Stars Telethon for Cerebral Palsy," air on WSOC-TV, Channel Nine beginning January 17 at 11:30 p.m., and continues through 7 p.m. on January 18.

## Auditions To Be Held

The Charlotte Opera Association will hold auditions for singers for roles in the 1981-82 season on Saturday, January 24, 1981, at Owens Auditorium. Singers are asked to perform two arias; accompanist will be provided. The season will include "La Boheme," "Die Fledermaus," and "Fidelio." Audition spaces are limited and are by appointment only; call the Charlotte Opera at 704-332-7177.

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